T.V. Stations relay centres and air stations in Kerala

1329. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up TV Stations relay centres TV studios and AIR relay centres in Kerala during the 8th Plan;

(b) whether there is any proposal for the expansion of the existing TV stations and AIR stations in Kerala; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) to (c) The Eighth Plan outlay for AIR and Doordarshan is yet to be finalised. However the existing low power (100W) TV Transmitter at Calicut being replaced by a high power (10 KW) TV transmitter and a high power (10 KW) TV transmitter is also envisaged to be set up at Cannanpre. As regards AIR the following schemes are envisaged to be set up in the State of Kerala (i) Local Radio Station with 2X3 KW FM Transmitter Multi-purpose studio and staff quarters at Idukki; (ii) 50 KW SW transmitter and upgradation of existing 1 KW MW Transmitter with 2X5 KW MW Transmitter and Type IV(R) studio at Trivandrum; (iii) Upgradation of existing 100 KW MW Transmitter with 200KW Power at Alleppey; (iv) Upgradation of 20 KW MW Transmitter to 100 KW MW at Trichur; (v) replacment of 10 KW MW by 100 by 100KW MW transmitter at Calicut and (vi) Vividh Bharati-cum-Commercial Centre with 2X5 KW FM Transmitter with studio facility at Cochin.

Population of Arunachal Pradesh covered through AIR network

1330. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the total population of Arunachal Pradesh covered under All India Radio net-work so far;

(b) what are the details of uncovered areas in the State; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to expand Radio net work to those areas particularly on Indo-China border?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) A population of 4·86 lakhs approximately of Arunachal Pradesh is covered by All India Radio network on mediumwave.

(b) At present some pockets in the north eastern parts of Dibang Valley some small northern part of West Siang District Western parts of Upper Subansiri District East Kameng District and Southern parts of West Kameng District are beyond the mediumwave radio coverage of AIR network.

(c) The power of the existing low power Medium Wave Transmitters at Tawang Tezu and Pasighat have been raised to 10 KW each. 100 KW MW transmitter with Type I (R) Studios and 50KW SW Transmitter at Itanagar are envisaged to be completed by 1992. In addition to this a Local Radio Station is also envisaged to be set up at Ziro